

## **1999 Proposal Solicitation Package Evaluation/Selection Process**

Proposals will be reviewed using a two-step technical evaluation process. First, seven Technical Review Panels (TRPs) made up of State, Federal and non-agency representatives are being formed to evaluate and score proposals submitted under each of the seven Topic sections. Technical Review Panels may include both local and non-local experts. The role of the Technical Review Panels (TRPs) is to evaluate and score each of the proposals on its effectiveness and ability to achieve its stated goals. The panels will use the criteria described in the Proposal Solicitation Package to evaluate and score proposals.

The second part of the evaluation process involves the 1999 Integration Panel, which is comprised of State and Federal agency technical staff and non-agency technical representatives as well as individuals involved from other funding sources such as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. Status of ongoing restoration activities and information from the Ecosystem Restoration Program are used as basic information in the Integration Panel review process. The Integration Panel evaluates proposals based on CALFED's comprehensive goals for ecosystem restoration, taking into consideration the proposals' ability to meet the funding priorities and implementation guidelines, the system-wide ecosystem benefits of the proposal, and compatibility with non-ecosystem CALFED objectives. The Integration Panel may place conditions on its recommendation for funding of a specific project. These conditions may include requirements for additional clarification or further explanation of certain aspects of the project. An Integration Panel member list is attached.

### **Review Schedule**

Technical review will occur in late April and May with Integration Panel meetings in early June of 1999. The Integration Panel will forward preliminary recommendations for funding to the Ecosystem Roundtable on June 16, and CALFED Policy Group on June 17. At this time, all submitted proposals and evaluation scores become public information. The CALFED member agencies, acting through the CALFED Policy Group, will make final funding recommendations to the Secretary for Resources and the Secretary of Interior on June 17. It is anticipated that final funding decisions will be made by July, 1999.